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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT

Overseas Press Club and Missing Journalists

Jack Raymond, who will be the Master of Ceremonies at the Overseas Press Club banquet, was good enough to call today to tip you off to the following:

In his remarks he will call attention to the fact that there are 21 journalists still missing in Indochina. A committee chaired by Walter Cronkite continues its efforts to try to find out what has happened to them. The Overseas Press Club is not ending its efforts in this field and is pressing authorities in Vietnam and elsewhere to see what can be done.

This may give you an opportunity to make some statement on the matter, Mr. Raymond said.

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I think that you can very well say that you are glad that this has come up. The reason you are glad is because the Agency has once again gone through a search of such evidences available in one particular case and, of course, stands ready at any time to help the journalists' committee in any way it can.

I think this pushes it back to the committee to make a formal request, at which time we can do the appropriate thing.

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